

## **AMHERST CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Fiscal Year 2004

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Massachusetts Cultural Council, provides funds that are channeled through local cultural councils to support the arts, humanities and the interpretive sciences. The Amherst Cultural Council distributes our share of these state funds to local artists and performers based upon written proposals. We are committed to funding a diversity of projects, both traditional and experimental, which address the interests and needs of children and adults within the unique cultural milieu of Amherst.

The decrease in the amount of the regranting authority sent by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to the Amherst Cultural Council (ACC) adversely affected the level of cultural support. From FY 02 to FY 03, the regranting amount plummeted 53.7% and from FY 03 to FY 04, it dropped a further 27.8%. The total MCC allocation for that FY was \$14,070. The total requests were 72, of which 40 received grants. By also using interest revenue, the Amherst Cultural Council was able to award \$22,602. Awards were made based on the following criteria: those projects which would expand cultural resources within Amherst, those projects which would support existing cultural resources within Amherst, and those projects which would benefit the greatest number of Amherst citizens. Included in the \$22,602 were \$8,543 in PASS grants to the Amherst schools. The impact of the decreases was mitigated somewhat by the use of ACC interest revenue funds. These are ACC funds that are on deposit with the Town of Amherst. In FY 04, the ACC allocated \$8,582 of interest revenue funds to supplement the FY 04 MCC regranting authority. Unfortunately, the interest revenue balance has decreased so fast that it may not be prudent to use it to supplement the FY 05 allocation.

Citizens may wish to view two of the projects supported in part by the Amherst Cultural Council: Some of the columns on the lower level of our parking garage have been painted by several area artists, and Town Hall is about to have a new and beautiful stained-glass window. Both of these projects were completed in conjunction with the Amherst Public Art Commission.

Citizens wishing to learn more about the Amherst Cultural Council are encouraged to go to <https://www.mass-culture.org>. Select "Find Your Local LCC," go to "Cities/Towns A-C," and select Amherst. You will be able to find the many programs your Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council have supported this past year, as well as dates for our fall meetings and other information about the Council. To indicate your interest in being appointed when there are vacancies, you need to fill out a Citizen Activity Form and file it at the Select Board office in Town Hall. Forms can be picked up at the Select Board office or downloaded from the Town website, [www.amherstma.gov](http://www.amherstma.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Wall, Chair

<b>Organization/Individual</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Award</b>
Amherst Ballet Theatre School	Choral Collaboration	Multidisciplinary	\$750
Amherst Community Child Care Center/Head Start	Performance Plus!	Theater	\$192
Amherst Public Arts Commission	Murals in the Amherst Parking Garage	Visual Arts	\$550
Arena Civic Theatre	Brigadoon	Theater	\$500
Conant, Faith	Videotaped Children's Performance of Iolanthe	Theater	\$530
Crocker Farm Elementary School	Just So Stories	Music	\$430
Crocker Farm Elementary School	Starkeeper	Theater	\$725
Crocker Farm Elementary School	Urashima "The Fish and the Tortoise"	Theater	\$250
Crocker Farm Elementary School	Dreams in the Golden Country	Theater	\$248
Crocker Farm Elementary School	Salzburg Marionettes: "The Magic Flute"	Music	\$440
Crocker Farm Elementary School	Daniel Perez Trio	Music	\$233
Floranina, C	Public Dreams Mentors and Photo Journal of Ireland	Humanities	\$500
Fort River Elementary School	Dreams in the Golden Country	Theater	\$333
Fort River Elementary School	Asian Arts and Culture Program	Theater	\$400
Fort River Elementary School	Mixed Up Files	Theater	\$425
Fort River Elementary School	Just So Stories	Storytelling	\$308
Foundation for Fiber Art	Fiber Art Lecture Series	Design Arts	\$600
Friends of the Jones Library System	Children's Music (and Dance) Series	Music	\$400
Hampshire Choral Society	Haydn St. Cecilia Mass	Music	\$879
jubilat/Jones Reading Series & Book Group	jubilat/Jones Reading Series and Book Group	Literature	\$750
Judd, Amanda	The Happy Valley	Media Arts	\$1,000
Katz, Susan	First Thursday Gallery Walk	Visual Arts	\$1,000
KO Theater Works, Inc.	Annual Ko Festival of Performance	Theater	\$1,300
Marks Meadow Laboratory School	Performance Plus Fine Arts Center	Folk Arts	\$460
Nugent, Aoife	In the Heart of America	Media Arts	\$2,000
O'Neil, John	'So Kaye: The Songs of Danny Kaye	Music	\$800
Puerto Rican Cultural Center	The La Rueda Dance Project	Dance	\$500
Springfield Symphony Orchestra	Western Mass Youth Orchestras	Music	\$500

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Tajima, Mark Makoto	After School Theater Program	Theater	\$1,500
Wildwood Elementary School	Urashima "The Fish and the Tortoise"	Theater	\$428
Wildwood Elementary School	Pacifica String Quartet	Music	\$400
Wildwood Elementary School	Asian Treasure Bag	Folk Arts	\$44
Wildwood Elementary School	Festival of Lights	Folk Arts	\$374
Wildwood Elementary School	Danilo Perez Jazz Trio	Music	\$400
Wildwood Elementary School	Bravo, Amelia Bodelia	Theater	\$385
Wildwood Elementary School	Just So Stories	Theater	\$372
Wildwood Elementary School	Salzburg Marionette Theater	Theater	\$610
Wildwood Elementary School	The Star Keeper	Theater	\$256
Wildwood Elementary School	Korean Drums and Music	Music	\$222
Wildwood Elementary School	From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler	Theater	\$608